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Thanks

.. To those awesome parents who supported with the Year 3 and 4 camp this week (and, of course, to our year 3 and 4 teachers)

.. Parents of Year 8 children for assisting with purchase of leaving books.

.. To Mrs Comrie and Mr Gardner-Lee for changing a tyre for a damsel in distress.

People of the Week

.. Those parents who have helped with PMP this term - this programme has made a very valuable contribution to our children's learning.

.. Tait who received the "Presidents Cup" for Hikurangi Rugby.

.. Matthew who received "Most Improved Player" for JB5 Hikurangi.

.. Those Year 8 children who were nominated for this year's Citizenship Award - voting is now completed and the outcome will be announced at our end of year prizegiving.

.. Those students who entered art portfolios in this year's art competition. The judges were mightily impressed with the quality of the artworks - results to be announced at prizegiving.

.. Syd Gregory, Jo Bruncker, Michelle Konings and Michelle Blagrove who have helped out with lunchtime athletics activities this term - you have been fantastic!

Parent Helpers Morning Tea

Parents / caregivers who have helped at school in any way this year are invited to a morning tea to be held in the school hall on Tuesday 7 December starting 10:30am.

This is our chance to thank you for the difference you have made to our school.

To help with catering please give Helen a call next week if you think you might be in attendance.

Powhiri to open our new block

As advised earlier this week, parents are invited to attend a powhiri to open our new junior block commencing shortly after 9:00 am on

Tuesday 7 December (please gather in the upper car park) – to be followed by a morning tea in the hall at 10:30. You are warmly invited to share this special occasion with us. Please let Helen know if you can make it.

Mary Wallace Art Awards

Exhibits entered in the above competition are on display in the school library. We are very impressed with the quality of work and the standard of overall presentation. We hope some of you will call by the library next week to have a browse (or on the day of our powhiri / morning tea).

Prizegiving

Please keep the evening of Tuesday 14th December free for our annual prizegiving. This evening will start 6.30pm and will conclude approx 8.30pm with a supper. Grandparents are welcome. **Families are asked to bring two plates please** for a shared supper - to be placed on tables which will be set up between Room 11 and the administration block. Remember that attendance on this night is quite optional for Year 1 students.

End of year prizegiving - Pre-schoolers

If you have a pre-schooler who will be attending prizegiving and you would like them to get a small bag of goodies on the night please give Helen a call.

Overdue Portfolios / Learner Journey Sheets

If you received a letter this week requesting return of the above to school, please send these along next week. These are important documents which will be needed early in the New Year. Thanks!

School Team Athletics Day

You might like to drop by Monday 13 December to share our Team Athletics Day with us. As in earlier years the day will start with a rotation through various field events and culminate in competitive track events and a brief award ceremony at the end of the day. More details will follow next week.

This year's sponsors .. Matarau Electrical and Xtreme Shampoo.

Final day of school 2010

.. is Thursday 16 December. Please note that school finishes at mid day on this day and so all buses will run approximately 3 to 3.5 hours early depending on loadings. Parents who pick their children up are asked to please do so at this earlier time.

Lost Property

Please drop by next week to check our lost property bin. Items remaining on the final day of school will be donated to charities.

Term 4 School Contributions

Reminder notices were sent out this week to those who have not paid term 4 school contributions. Please arrange payment next week.

Term Calendar

6 December	Year 7 and 8 abseiling at Whangarei Falls
7 December	Powhiri / Parent Helpers morning tea
10 December	Reports issued to parents
13 December	Team Athletics Day
14 December	Prizegiving
15 December	Year 8 Fun Day
16 December	Final day of school year (school finishes at 12:00)

Year 8 Leaving Books

These are due at school by next Tuesday - 7 December please. Thank you parents for assisting with this.

Start Date for 2011

School will recommence on 3rd February 2011. Term 1 2011 finishes 15 April.

Classes for 2011

Class lists for 2011 will be displayed on the hall notice board on the afternoon of 10 December.

Junior Readers

Can you all please look in every nook & cranny and return any school readers? The junior school is missing quite a few and this presents problems for our reading programme! Doesn't matter how old and long they've been out. Thank you.

Wine casks: Junior school require as many as we can get. Could you please save them up over the holidays too!

Year 7 and 8 Technology Classes

Please note that our senior students will attend technology classes on both Wednesday and Thursday of next week. Please ensure they come prepared.

Environmental Group Request

If anyone has a 150cm piece of square carpet that you want to get rid of please donate it to The Environmental Group for their worm farm.

School T-Shirts

If your child has borrowed a school T-Shirt please ensure this is returned to school (washed) a.s.a.p.

Skids Holiday Programme

Skids will again be offering a fun filled holiday programme from 20th to 24th December 2010 (half day) and from 17th to 28th January 2011. There will be options to book for full days, short days or even half days. Please register your interest by ringing or txt to 0278461724. Alternatively pop into the hall after school to find out more information.



Scholastic Issue 8 .. was issued last week. Orders and money are due back to office by 6 December 2010.

Friday Lunches .. one more week to go. Please note the final day for lunch orders is 10 December.

Sausage Sizzle .. final senior sizzle next week. Thank you for supporting this fund-raiser.

Community Notices

For Rent - 3bdrm hse, Matarau Rd, approximately 3km from the school. Ph 4335814.

Wanted to Rent - Long term, modern house, 3-4 bedroom, in the Kamo area, very responsible tenant. Ph Jackie 4335504 or 0212852350.

Wanted - Horse grassing, Ruatangata/Pipiwai Rd area, for 1 horse and pony, both excellent with kids, other horses and all other animals. Please ph Lotus 0212465055.

For Sale - Sheep Pellets /Horse Manure \$10 per big bag. Great fertiliser/mulch. Fundraiser for Kamo Swimming Club competitive swimmers attending Auckland Junior and Senior swimming meet, ph 4335735 or 0276100303.

WGHS Enrolments & Orientation day - Monday 6 December 2010. Enrolment interviews at WGHS every Tuesday & Thursday during school hours. Call now for a prospectus and interview time.

Toolbox Parenting Course - 6 sessions for all ages 0-12+, includes subscription to Parenting magazine. For more info or to register ph Deborah Short on 4335040 or email NorthlandTBX@Parentsinc.org.nz.

Rural Homebased Childcare - Porse approved, 200m from Matarau School. 20 hrs free for 3 months to 5 years old. Phone today to book your space. Annemari 0211413221.

School Holiday Swimming Lessons - Block courses, Mon 3rd Jan - Fri 14th Jan, 2 week course, \$60 per week. Enquires to Gayle on 4595323 or email gayle.swimsmart@gmail.com.

Marsden Wheelers Cycling Club - For riders from secondary school age to over sixty. For more info contact Ruth Jarman 0214382551.

Farr Out Gymnastics - Holiday programme, 3rd Jan - 4th Feb 2011. Includes gymnastics coaching, trampolining, outdoor tennis, soccer, obstacle courses, fun competitions and much more. Held at WAGS & Kamo Tennis courts. \$30 per day. Contact Ben on 4338985.

Whangarei Academy of Gymnastics - Play gym for preschoolers, gym fun and competitive gym for school age, trampoline competitions also. Spaces now available for 2011. Phone Marianne 4352990 Mon-Thur or email wags.gym@xtra.co.nz.

Christmas - Message from ASB Bank

Each year, over 3,500 animals come through the doors of Whangarei SPCA and an average of \$30,000 is spent on vet bills each month. Christmas is the busiest time of year so we want to encourage people to do what they can to support our local SPCA.

How you can help? Drop into ASB branches at Rathbone St, Walton St and Kamo to donate tinned pet food or cash. We especially need tinned dog and puppy food and biscuits and kitten food. **100% of proceeds going to Whangarei branch.**

School Security

Please assist by keeping a close eye on the school on evenings and weekends. If you notice anything suspicious please phone United Security (4301992) or Steve Martin (4335061) and take registration numbers of suspicious vehicles. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Final Thoughts

Someone sent us these thoughts from a 90 year old man who put to paper the 45 best lessons his long life has taught him. This list has become somewhat famous. Will share his "reasons for celebration of age".

11. Make peace with your past so it won't mess up your present
12. It's OK to let your children see you cry
13. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about
14. If a relationship has to be secret you shouldn't be in it
15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry God never blinks. *(5 more next week!)*

Regards

Kevin Trehwella
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